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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 09-OII-1
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Order Instituting Informational Proceeding)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)	RE: Revisions to Program
)	Guidelines

Notice to Consider Adoption of Changes to California State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines

The California Energy Commission will hold a regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

THURSDAY, May 27, 2010

9 a.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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As part of the May 27, 2010, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting changes to the *California State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines (Guidelines)*. These *Guidelines* were developed to help implement and administer rebates for qualifying appliances under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has allocated to the Energy Commission \$35.2 million in ARRA funds to implement a State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program for California that will provide rebates to encourage the replacement of inefficient residential appliances with new energy efficient residential appliances. The *Guidelines* establish the eligibility and procedural requirements to qualify for rebates for the purchase of eligible residential appliances.

The *Guidelines* were originally adopted by the Energy Commission on December 16, 2009, and were subsequently amended on March 24, 2010 and additional changes proposed on April 22, 2010 that will be considered May 19, 2010.

At the direction of the Energy Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Stimulus Programs (Committee), proposed changes have been made to the *Guidelines* to extend the rebate offer period, allow additional time to apply for a program rebate and other minor clarifying changes. Under the current *Guidelines*, the rebate offer period started on April 22, 2010 was set to close on May 23, 2010 and applicants were allowed 30 days to submit their applications from the time they purchased their qualifying appliance. As a result of exceptional demand for high efficiency appliances nationally, appliance manufacturers are not able to provide adequate supply of qualifying appliances to California in a timely fashion and retailers are not able to provide delivery of purchased appliances to consumers for as much as eight weeks in some cases. Such constraints have resulted in consumers not being able to apply for their rebates until after the 30 day time requirement of the current *Guidelines*. The proposed changes would allow additional time for consumers to apply for a rebate by changing the time required to submit an application from 30 days to 120 days and extend the rebate offer period beyond May 23rd until funds are exhausted to address this supply chain problem.

The proposed changes are shown in the Committee Draft version of the *Guidelines* changes. The Committee Draft version of the *Guidelines* changes is available online at: www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/index.html.

Printed copies of the Committee Draft version of the *Guideline* changes may be obtained by contacting:

California Energy Commission
ARRA-SEEARP
1515 Ninth Street, MS-25
Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: Appliances@energy.state.ca.us.

The Committee recommends that the proposed changes be adopted by the Energy Commission.

Written Comments

Written comments on the proposed changes to the *Guidelines* should be submitted by 5 p.m. on May 24, 2010. Please include the docket number (09-OII-1) and indicate ARRA -SEEARP in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail an original and 11 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to [\[docket@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us). **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

All written comments related to the *Guidelines* will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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Date: May 12, 2010

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